

## *Does anyone use alternative fuels for transportation here in Laredo?*

You bet!

City of Laredo

El Metro Transit

JettGas

Texas A&M International University

TXDoT

United Independent School District

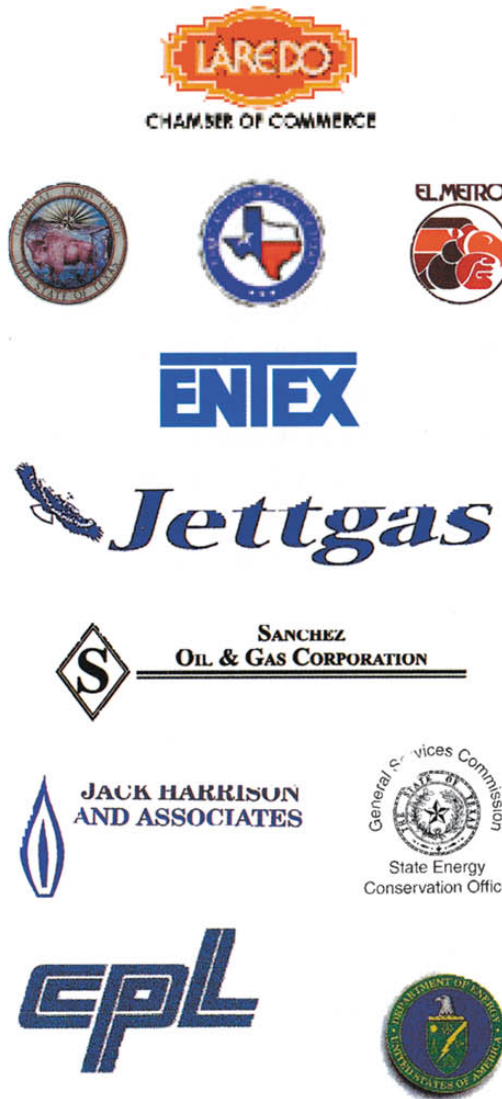
Look for the Clean Cities bumper sticker to tell you which of these vehicles are Clean Alternative Fuel Vehicles!



## *Where Can I get more information about Clean Cities and alternative fuels?*

Call the Laredo Clean Cities Coalition Program Director: 800/292-2122

Contact one of the Clean Cities Stakeholders listed on the back of this brochure.



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# Laredo Clean Cities Coalition



Los Dos Laredos  
Driving into a  
Cleaner Future with  
Alternative Fuels



## How does Clean Cities Benefit My Community?

- Environmental

Laredo, Texas is currently considered “in attainment” for the EPA Clean Air standards. Alternative fuels such as electricity, natural gas and propane are cleaner burning than gasoline or diesel fuel. By choosing to use these cleaner fuels, we reduce Laredo’s chances of having dangerous smog and pollution over our city.

- Economic

Because Laredo is “in attainment” for the EPA standards, we have avoided the federal and state rules and regulations that come with badly polluted air. Every one of these regulations costs money for compliance and makes businesses much less likely to relocate to an area with poor air quality.

- Reduce Dependence on Foreign Oil

Webb County is one of Texas’ leading producers of natural gas and propane. Using these fuels means that we are supporting and strengthening our own local community every time we drive, reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

- Health

Air pollution is everyone’s health problem. Asthma, lung disease, shortness of breath and other health problems are associated with air pollution, especially in children and the elderly. Choosing electricity, natural gas or propane when you drive reduces the amount of emissions that cause pollution.

## What is the Clean Cities Program?

Clean Cities is a locally based government-business partnership sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The DOE provides the framework for each community to develop its own strategic plan to increase the use of alternatives to gasoline and diesel fuels used for transportation and to expand the existing alternative fuels market.

Although the Laredo Clean Cities program receives some funding and guidance from the Department of Energy and the State Energy Conservation Office of the Texas General Services Commission, this is very much a local Laredo program-local ideas, local resources and local results.

## What are the Laredo Clean Cities goals?

- To maintain Laredo’s status as a city “in attainment” of the air quality standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- To work with Nuevo Laredo to increase alternative fuel awareness and decrease transportation related air pollution on both sides of the border.
- To develop a strong alternative fuels infrastructure with additional fueling sites, service technician training programs and more alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) on the road.
- To increase the quality of life for all Laredoans through the expanded use of alternative fuels.
- To become a model for other cities as the first Texas City completely in attainment of the EPA standards to receive the Clean City designation.

## What is an Alternative Fuel?

It is an alternative to gasoline and diesel fuel. Alternative fuels such as:



Electricity



Natural Gas (Compressed and Liquefied)



Propane (Liquefied Petroleum Gas)

are used in all types of vehicles: buses, cars, trucks and heavy machinery.

## Can I buy or convert my vehicle to an alternative fuel?

Sure! Contact the fuel suppliers and auto dealer shown on the back of this brochure to understand the differences between conventional and alternative fuels to determine which is right for you.

Contact Clean Cities to learn if you qualify for conversion incentives.

AFVs are a natural choice for fleets (taxis, delivery companies, government vehicles, etc.) because of their central fueling and maintenance facilities.